

Noah Noble collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Noble, Noah, 1794-1844
Creator	Whaley, Jeanie Noble
Title	Noah Noble collection
Date	1816-1900s
Extent	4.5 Cubic feet 6 manuscript boxes, 1 small manuscript box, 1 medium oversize box
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Noah Noble (1794–1844) was a lawyer, farmer, and businessman in Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana. Noble served as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives, and later as the fifth Governor of Indiana from 1831 to 1837. While as governor, Noble promoted improvements in infrastructure, championing major projects to create canals, roads, and railroads throughout the state. As a member of the Indiana Internal Improvements Board, from 1838 to 1841, Noble oversaw the construction of the Whitewater Canal, Wabash and Erie Canal, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, and other major road projects.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains Noble's personal and political correspondence regarding state and national Whig politics, as well as his campaign for Governor of Indiana. Included are letters relating to the Internal Improvement Board, its projects, and correspondence pertaining to the state's debts arisen from such projects.

Correspondents include John Badollet, Samuel Bigger, Michael G. Bright, David Burr, Henry Clay, John Wesley Davis, John Dowling, George H. Dunn, Paris C. Dunning, Elisha Embree, John Ewing, John H. Farnham, Graham Fitch, George Graham, William Graham, William Hendricks, Samuel Judah, James F.D. Lanier, Robert Lucas, Jonathon McCarthy, Joseph G. Marshall, Samuel Merrill, James Noble, David Dale Owen, Robert Dale Owen, Samuel W. Parker, Daniel D. Pratt, Daniel G. Read, Caleb B. Smith, Oliver H. Smith, Milton Stapp, Jeremiah Sullivan, John Test, John Tipton, and Omer Tousey.

This collection also contains a scrapbook created by Jeanie Noble Whaley regarding the Noble family and its involvement in politics. Miscellaneous correspondence and clippings in regard to her childhood and young adult interests are also included.

Several photographs and tintypes of the Noble and Whaley families range from circa 1830-1900s.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Noah Noble collection, 1816-1844

Series 2: Noah Noble family history, circa 1830-1900s; undated

Series 3: Noah Noble microfilm, 1832-1842; undated

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Esther Noble Carter on 1931/11/03 and from Sigrid R. Whaley on 2013/10/16.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed July 2011 by Brent Abercrombie. Collection addition processing completed on 2015/01/08 by Bethany Fiechter. EAD finding aid created 2015/01/08 by Bethany Fiechter.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L122: Robert Dale Owen collection

L128: Daniel D. Pratt collection

L160: John Tipton collection

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana. General Assembly. House of Representatives.
- United States. Board of Internal Improvement.

Family Name(s)

- Noble family
- Whaley family

Personal Name(s)

- Badollet, John, 1757-1837
- Bigger, Samuel, 1802-1846
- Black, Jeremiah S. (Jeremiah Sullivan), 1810-1883
- Bright, Michael G. (Michael Graham), 1803-1881
- Clay, Henry, 1777-1852
- Davis, John Wesley, 1799-1859
- Dowling, John, 1807-1878
- Dunn, George H., 1794-1854
- Dunning, Paris C., 1806-1884
- Embree, Elisha, 1801-1863
- Ewing, John, 1732-1802
- Farnham, John H. (John Hay), 1791-1833

- Fitch, Graham N. (Graham Newell), 1809-1892
- Graham, George, 1770-1830
- Hendricks, William, 1782-1850
- Judah, Samuel, 1798-1869
- Lanier, James Franklin Doughty, 1800-1881
- Lucas, Robert, 1781-1853
- Marshall, Joseph G. (Joseph Glass), 1800-1855
- Merrill, Samuel Pearce, 1835-1916
- Noble, James, 1783-1831
- Noble, Winston P.
- Owen, David Dale, 1807-1860
- Owen, Robert Dale, 1801-1877
- Parker, Samuel W. (Samuel Wilson), 1805-1859
- Pratt, Daniel D. (Daniel Darwin), 1813-1877
- Read, Daniel, 1805-1878
- Smith, Caleb B. (Caleb Blood), 1808-1864
- Smith, Oliver H. (Oliver Hampton), 1794-1859
- Stapp, Milton, 1792-1869
- Sullivan, Jeremiah, 1794-1870
- Test, John, 1771-1849
- Tipton, John, 1786-1839
- Tousey, Omer
- Wallace, Lew, 1827-1905

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- Family history
- Governors--Indiana
- Indiana--Politics and government--19th century
- Lawyers--Indiana--Franklin County
- Whig Party (U.S.)

Series 1: Noah Noble correspondence, 1816-1844

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Noah Noble correspondence, 1816-1844		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1816-1825	1	2
Correspondence, 1826	1	3
Correspondence, 1827	1	4
Correspondence, 1828	1	5
Correspondence, 1829	1	6
Correspondence, 1830-1831	1	7
Correspondence, 1832 Jan.-1832 June	1	8
Correspondence, 1832 July-1832 Dec.	1	9
Correspondence, 1833-1834	2	1
Correspondence, 1835 Jan.-1835 Apr.	2	2
Correspondence, 1835 May-1835 June	2	3

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Correspondence, 1835 July-1835 Sept.	2	4
Correspondence, 1835 Oct.-1835 Dec.	2	5
Correspondence, 1836 Jan.	2	6
Correspondence, 1836 Feb.-1836 Dec.	2	7
State of Ohio, Secretary of State resolution, Ohio/Indiana border correspondence, 1836-1838	8	1
Correspondence, 1837 Jan.-1837 March	2	8
Martin Van Buren signed land grants, 1837	8	2
Correspondence, 1837 Apr.-1837 Sept.	3	1
Correspondence, 1837 Oct.-1837 Dec.	3	2
Correspondence, 1838	3	3
Correspondence, 1839 Jan.-1839 Mar.	3	4
Correspondence, 1839 Apr.-1839 May	3	5
Correspondence, 1839 June-1839 July	3	6

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Correspondence, 1839 Aug.	3	7
Correspondence, 1839 Sept.	3	8
Correspondence, 1839 Oct.	4	1
Correspondence, 1839 Nov.	4	2
Correspondence, 1839 Dec.	4	3
Correspondence, 1840 Jan.	4	4
Correspondence, 1840 Feb.	4	5
Correspondence, 1840 Mar.	4	6
Correspondence, 1840 Apr.	4	7
Correspondence, 1840 May	4	8
Correspondence, 1840 June	4	9
Correspondence, 1840 July-1840 Aug.	5	1
Correspondence, 1840 Sept.-1840 Dec.	5	2
Correspondence, 1841 Jan.-1841 Apr.	5	3

Series 2: Noah Noble family history, circa 1830-1900s; undated

Correspondence, 1841 May-1841 June	5	4
Correspondence, 1841 Aug.-1841 Sept.	5	5
Correspondence, 1841 Oct.-1841 Dec.	5	6
Correspondence, 1842 Jan.-1842 May	5	7
Correspondence, 1842 June-1842 Aug.	6	1
Correspondence, 1842 Sept.-1842 Dec.	6	2
Correspondence, 1843-1844 (folder 1 of 2)	6	3
Correspondence, 1843-1844 (folder 2 of 2)	6	4
Wrappers, undated	6	5
Correspondence, undated	6	6
Correspondence, undated	6	7
Correspondence, undated	6	8
Correspondence, undated	6	9
Series 2: Noah Noble family history, circa 1830-1900s; undated		

Series 3: Noah Noble microfilm, 1832-1842; undated

	Box	Folder
Family history, undated	1	1
Correspondence, circa 1830-1900s	7	1
Spurr's Wood and Paper Veneer product samples, circa 1900s	7	2
Noble family newspaper clippings, circa 1900s	7	3
Family photographs, circa 1830-1900s	7	4
Family tintypes, circa 1830-1900s	7	5
	Box	Volume
Winston P. Noble and Jeanie Whaley, Noble family scrapbook, circa 1857-1900s	8	1
	Box	Folder
Adjutant General Lew Wallace and Captain Winston P. Noble letter, 1861	8	3

Series 3: Noah Noble microfilm, 1832-1842; undated

	Reel
Family history reel, 1832 July-1832 Dec.	1
Correspondence reel, 1833-1834; 1835 May-1835 June	2

Series 3: Noah Noble microfilm, 1832-1842; undated

Correspondence reel, 1835 July-1835 Sept.; 1835 May-1835 June	3
Correspondence reel, 1837 Apr.-1837 Sept.; 1839 June-1839 July	4
Correspondence reel, 1839 Aug.-1839 Sept.	5
Correspondence reel, 1839 Oct.-1940 Feb.	6
Correspondence reel, 1940 Mar.-1940 June	7
Correspondence reel, 1940 July-1940 Aug.; 1841 May-1841 June	8
Correspondence reel, 1841 Aug.-1841 Sept.; 1842 Jan.-1842 May	9
Correspondence reel, 1842 June-1842 Aug.; undated	10
Correspondence reel, undated	11